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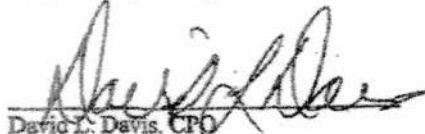
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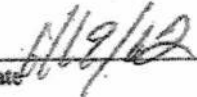
Other than Full and Open Competition

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2. Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Requested: This is a new procurement and the contract contemplated will be firm-fixed price purchase order to Otto Bock Healthcare LP, 2 Carlson Parkway North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55447.
3. Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs: This requirement is to provide SAVAHCS with a Microprocessor-controlled Otto Bock X2 knee. The estimated cost of this is \$33,042. The Otto Bock X2 is a hydraulic resistance based knee controlled with various sensors providing information to a microprocessor. The Otto Bock X2 is a unique microprocessor knee unit that provides patients with functional capabilities that other microprocessor knees do not control.
4. Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition: 41 USC §253(c)(2), as implemented by FAR 6.302-1.
 - (X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1
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5. Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority): The X2 Microprocessor Knee is just one component of a complete prosthesis. There is but one microprocessor knee with these capabilities as no other company has developed this level of technology. The Department of Veterans Affairs partnered with Otto Bock to develop the microprocessor knee requested. The Otto Bock X2 is a unique product that provides microprocessor control over various standing and walking scenarios to enhance patient stability and improve activities of daily living.

6. Description of efforts made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable: No potential sources were found after searching GS Advantage. An internet search was conducted with negative results of similar technology. A call was placed to the manufacturer, as well as industry research completed and no other manufacturers offer similar function with their products.
7. Determination by the Contracting Officer that the anticipated cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable: The anticipated dollar value for this contract action is \$33,042. The Otto Bock X2 Microprocessor Knee has been determined to be commercial in accordance with FAR 2.101; cost or pricing data will not be required. Pricing techniques as are described in FAR 15.404-1(b)(2), will be used to establish price fairness and reasonableness. The Contracting Officer determines that the anticipated price will be fair and reasonable based on historical price analysis of similar technology. Market research and analysis of the contract in place for similar items provide evidence of fair and reasonable pricing. Market research indicates no other companies could meet the requirement as needed.
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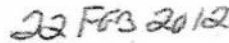

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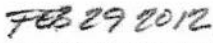
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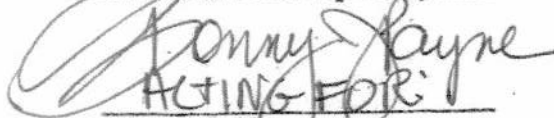

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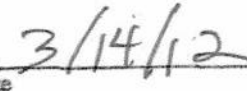
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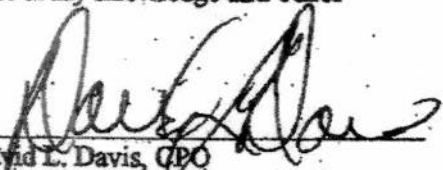
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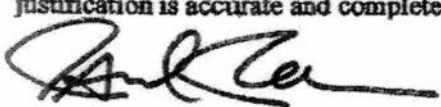
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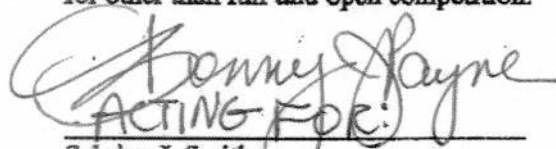
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By VHA/V18Pereira 5:13:00 pm, 3/13/12
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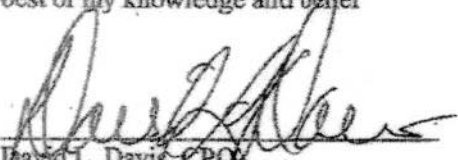
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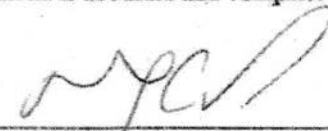
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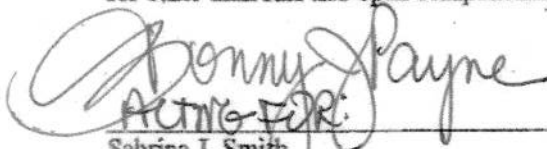
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